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11. Post delivered reftel demarche to MFA PDAS equivalent for International Organizations, Marc Giacomini, on June 16. Giacomini expressed France's "regret" for the U.S. decision to no longer participate in HRC sessions or activites and noted France's desire to continue working with the U.S. to advance human rights. Giacomini said France is determined to improve the Human Rights Council from the inside and will continue to look for U.S. support to advance our shared human rights values in other fora. Please visit Paris' Classified Website at:

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